

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Inventor : NELSON et al.
Appln. No. : 10/806,372
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Filed: : March 22, 2004
Title: : DEVICES, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS TO FIXATE TISSUE
WITHIN THE REGIONS OF BODY, SUCH AS THE
PHARYNGEAL CONDUIT
Group Art Unit : 3772
Examiner : Brown, M.
Docket No. : 04-48

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September 24, 2008

**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2)
and
PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE**

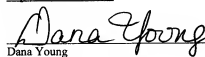
Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), applicant hereby asserts, in writing, that above-identified patent application above is no longer entitled to small entity status. This application lost entitlement to small entity status due to the merger of the Assignee of this application with a large entity corporation in June 11, 2008, giving this application large entity status.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION/ELECTRONIC FILING

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The issue fee in the large entity amount is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the indicated fees or charge any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0558.

As all requirements for the payment of the issue fee in the large entity amount have been met, applicant awaits receipt of the patent grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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